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SCOTT LAUNCHES INSURANCE WEBSITE

Senator Takes Fight for Fair Rates to the Internet

(LANSING) – State Senator Martha G. Scott unveiled today a new insurance website which she says will provide for a source of information sharing. The website which can be downloaded at www.insuranceredlining.com contains information on proposed legislation as well as a petition for Michigan residents to share their insurance story, among other useful links.

The website was created to allow ratepayers in this state an opportunity to not only gain insight into the insurance issue, but also respond directly to the disastrously high auto and homeowners insurance rates in this state, particularly in our urban areas. Statistical data continues to show that Detroit is the most expensive city in the country in which to insure a vehicle.

"We want insurers and lawmakers to know that we will no longer stand for redlining, price gouging, or any other type of unfair treatment," Sen. Scott said. "Unaffordable insurance costs are breaking the backs of Michigan's citizens. Our economy, our quality of life is threatened by insurance companies that charge high-priced, out-of-reach rates."

Sen. Scott has sponsored five bills in the Michigan Senate that address the insurance issue. The Republican-led Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions, where the bills are stalled, has not taken up any of them.

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.